

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the care and detail provided in the Office Action and for noting the alleged inconsistencies in the drawings reference characters "32a, 32b" as purportedly referencing both "protruding keys" and "nailing keys." The proposals, as suggested in the portion "response to arguments" presented by the Examiner have been considered in connection with the noted alleged inconsistencies, and the solution by amendment to the specification, as suggested, have been abided, and included. Indeed, the specification has been reviewed in detail to ensure that all references are now exactly the same, thereby, we submit, obviating the need to correct anything in the drawings.

In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to the penultimate paragraph of page 15 of the specification, as originally filed, which labeled protruding keys "32a, 32b" are indicated as "nailing keys." In fact, these protruding keys are removed, leaving the apertures 8a and 8b (by example) for nailing. Thus, these keys, 32a and 32b are not nailing keys, *per se*, but rather are removed before nailing occurs. Even this paragraph has been corrected, so that no potential ambiguity, or mis-reference remains.

Again, the Examiner is thanked for noting the alleged inconsistency, and the corrections are believed to fully obviate this objection. Since the claims are otherwise allowed, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be promptly mailed, and the case passed to issue.

As indicated, the drawings have been "cleaned up" in the attempt to assist and expedite publication.

Applicant wishes this case to promptly issue, and thus a Notice of Allowance is respectfully sought. Should the Examiner determine that further action is required, it is

respectfully requested that he first call undersigned counsel for applicants before issuing another Office Action.

Please note the change in address and telephone numbers, also included with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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